

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,028,414, granted February 22, 2000, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled FUEL CELL STAND-BY ENERGY SUPPLY SYSTEM

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____ / _____
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ATTACHMENT A

At claim 1, column 5, lines 32 to 35, of U.S. Patent 6,028,414, there is recited "said control circuit means having power sensing means and means to control the operation of said device so as to maximize the use of the power available in said fuel cell". This limitation is deemed superfluous to the invention, as the fuel cell stand-by energy supply system is operable without this limitation. It is only recently when we reviewed claim 1 that we discovered that we claimed less than we had the right to claim by having that limitation in claim 1. When the patent application Ser. No. 09/295,266 was prepared, that limitation was in the broad claiming of the application as originally drafted. We did not realize, at that time, that we were claiming less than we had the right to claim and that we were entitled to patent protection for this invention which was broader, as we now have discovered. This error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicants and we now wish to correct this error by the present reissue application. It is only recently during the month of January 2002 that this error was noted. We are therefore proceeding diligently.

It is pointed out that the fuel cell stand-by energy supply system of the present invention has a control circuit and wherein one of its features is a power sensing means whereby to monitor the power consumption of the fuel cell or the integration fuel cell and battery d.c. supply. The system can operate without it. This limitation is now recited in new claim 17. Support for claim 17 is contained in the last limitation of claim 1 of the patent, as above-noted, and as well in the passage at column 3, lines 45 to 49 of the patent, for example.

Another feature of the control circuit is that it is also provided with means to control the operation of the device so as to maximize the use of the power available in the fuel cell or the integration fuel cell and battery d.c. supply of the stand-by energy supply system. Support thereof can be found in the last limitation of claim 1. Again, the system can operate without it. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by these two claims.

The dependency of claim 2 has been modified to refer to claim 18, which itself is dependent on claim 17.

In reviewing the specification it is noted that there is a statement of invention paragraph bridging columns 1 and 2 of the Patent and it is therefore desirable to remove the last sentence of that paragraph which appears at column 2, lines 8 to 11. There is also a typographical error at column 4, line 13 wherein reference numeral "17" should have been "27".

Applicants also believe that the broadened claim 1 is clearly patentable over all known prior art cited in the U.S. prosecution and also the prior art brought to the Examiner's attention with this reissue application as an Information Disclosure Statement which lists the art cited in the PCT International Search Report.

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<p>This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.</p> <p>Name of Patentee(s) JEAN GUY CHOUINARD, RAYMOND ROBERGE, GUY ROSS</p>		
Patent Number 6,028,414	Date Patent Issued February 22, 2000	
Title of Invention FUEL CELL STAND-BY ENERGY SUPPLY SYSTEM		
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